

reads: "The invention further relates to a breast shield set for pumping off human breast milk as claimed."

- Please replace the phrase "of patent claim 1" on line 32 of page 2 with the phrase "as claimed" so that the sentence reads: "The object is achieved by a valve having the features as claimed."
- Please replace the phrase "of patent claim 18" on line 18 of page 4 with the phrase "as claimed" so that the sentence reads: "This object is achieved by a breast shield set having the features as claimed."
- Please replace the phrase "of patent claim 22" on line 33 of page 4 with the phrase "as claimed" so that the sentence reads: "This object is achieved by a breast shield set having the features as claimed."
- Please replace the phrase "according to patent claims 1 to 17" on lines 35-36 of ^{page 5} ~~page 5~~ with the phrase "as claimed" so that the sentence reads: "The valves as claimed meet these demands."

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2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: : The subject matter of the independent claim could either not be found or was not suggested in the prior art of record. The subject matter of independent claim 18 not found was a breast shield set having a valve formed of a valve seat that acts with a valve body, which is a circular diaphragm having narrow elongate openings separated from one another by webs and smaller T-shaped compact openings, to limit a dead volume during pumping off of breast milk.